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TAGS: PFOR PLO UNGA XF

SUBJECT: PLO SECURITY -- ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLO INFORMATION AND
OTHER DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK.

REF: STATE 247737

1. IN VIEW OF FACT (BEIRUT 13389) THAT LOCAL PLO REPS HAVE ALREADY

AGREED TO LIMIT SIZE OF INFO DEL TO 10 RPT 10 PERSONS AND HAVE
TRANSMITTED NAMES OF THOSE PERSONS TO THIS EMBASSY AND USG IN HOPES OF

OBTAINING EARLIEST POSSIBLE ISSUANCE OF NECESSARY VISAS, WE ARE HOLD-
ING OFF ADVISING THEM OF CONTENTS PARA 1 REFTEL PENDING FURTHER
ADVISE FROM DEPT. IF WE WERE NOW TO GO BACK TO THEM WITH NEWS THAT
14 MAN DEL HAS WON USG APPROVAL, WE FEAR THIS WOULD ONLY SERVE TO
CONFUSE SITUATION STILL FURTHER. (RECOMMENDATION: IN VIEW OF WHAT
HAS TRANSPIRED AS RESULT OF LATEST USUN DISCUSSIONS WITH SAADAT
HASSAN -- SEE USUN 4886 AND OUR 13389 -- WE THINK THAT UNLESS LOCAL
PLO REPS SHOULD CHANGE THEIR MINDS AND COME BACK TO US WITH PLEA TO
KEEP INFO DEL TO 14 RTP 14 MEMBERS, DEPT SHOULD PROCEED ON ASSUMPTION
THAT THIS DEL WILL BE LIMITED TO 10 RPT 10 PERSONS LISTED BEIRUT
13389 AND AUTHORIZE US ISSUE VISAS ACCORDINGLY.)

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2. OUR LATE-NIGHT EFFORTS TO CONTACT HOUT AND DAHER FOR
PURPOSE OF URGING THEM ONCE AGAIN TO OBTAIN DETAILS RE 'ARAFAT'S
TRAVEL PLANS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. WE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM AS

SOON AS POSSIBLE TOMORROW MORNING WITH REQUEST THAT THEY URGENTLY
SEEK DETAILS REQUESTED PARA 3 REFTTEL. WE HAVE NO RPT NO CONFIDENCE
THEY WILL SUCCEED, HOWEVER, SINCE IT ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT
'ARAFAT WILL HAVE LEFT BEIRUT BY THEN. (IN FACT, HE MAY ALREADY
HAVE DONE SO.) IN ANY EVENT, WE WILL AT LEAST ENDEAVOR TO
DISCOVER HIS WHEREABOUTS AND ELICIT AS MUCH INFO AS POSSIBLE AS
POSSIBLE ABOUT HIS TRAVEL PLANS. WE WILL ALSO SEEK WHATEVER INFO IS
AVAILABLE FROM SENIOR GOL OFFICIALS BEFORE THEY TROOP OFF TO NEW
YORK TOMORROW MORNING.
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